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cc: Tom
S/001/062

In Reply Refer To:

UT-042
3809: UTU-81475
UTU-80277

October 28, 2005

Mr. Sandy Nell
13171 S 3300 W
Riverton, UT 84065

Dear Mr. Nell:

I am writing in regard to your notice (BLM file UTU-80277, DOGM file S/001/062) and plan of operation (BLM file UTU-81475, DOGM file S/001/062) for the Mickey Project located at the west end of Blawn Mtn. in the Wah Wah Mtn. Range, Beaver County, Utah. The notice was submitted and accepted in October, 2002 to conduct exploratory drilling and bulk sampling of kaolin clay in the project area. Based on exploration work conducted under the notice, in October 2004 you submitted a plan of operation to conduct surface mining operations. This plan was later amended in April, 2005. The amended plan of operations was approved in April, 2005, subject to posting the necessary reclamation bond. Since the time of plan approval, the notice-level disturbances have been earthwork reclaimed and seeded and the bond for the notice-level disturbances released to you. No bond was ever posted to cover the proposed plan disturbances and no work commenced under the plan of operations.

In a telephone conversation with you on October 26, you informed me that the kaolin to be mined under the plan contains alkali metal and other contaminants that prevent it from being sold into the current available kaolin markets. You requested that the plan and notice be closed out until such time as markets develop or methods of upgrading the material can be found for the clay at the site.

Accordingly, I am closing out the plan of operations case file (UTU-81475) effective immediately and leaving the notice case file (UTU-80277) open only until such time as satisfactory re-vegetation can be documented for the disturbances made under the notice. As no bond is in place for the notice, please note that any activity in the project area must be limited to BLM or DOGM directed reclamation work or casual-use level activity.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (435) 865-3040.

Sincerely,

Ed Ginouves
Mining Engineer

cc: Mr. Tom Munson, DOGM
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